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**LADY MINSTRELS TONIGHT.**

Everything is in readiness for the Astoria Library benefit at Fisher's opera house tonight and tomorrow night. Last evening there was a full dress rehearsal, and everything was put on just as it will be tonight. It was marvelous to see how splendidly all the work was done. The entertainment will be a revelation to those who think ladies can do nothing in black face. The tremendous hit the performance has made elsewhere is certain to be duplicated here. Go and smile and remain to laugh and war. Among the 50 or 60 participants you will see Mesdames H. G. Smith, C. L. Houston, H. G. Van Dusen, W. Trullinger, H. P. Prael, G. H. George, C. P. Uphur, P. Stuart, C. J. Trenchard, The Misses A. McLean, C. Lionberger, G. Fox, G. Stockton, Z. Smith, W. Lovett, M. Gilbert, N. Nickerson, M. Fredrickson, N. Barker, N. Kaudson, M. Higgins, R. Hobson, C. Welch, J. Sands, E. Wood, T. Barth, E. Andrews, T. Goddard, A. Trenchard, M. Ross, and Messrs. H. G. Smith, D. Allen, P. A. Trullinger, Jr., B. Griffiths and R. Worsley.

**THE WATER COMMISSION.**

The regular monthly meeting of the water commission was held last night. The clerk's report was read, showing the water receipts for the current month to be \$2,365.25. The quarterly report of the treasurer showed a balance of \$12,154.65 on hand. On motion, the report was referred to the chairman and clerk of the commission for verification. The pay roll for the month, amounting to \$268.50, and bills amounting to \$27.75, were ordered paid. A report was read from Architect Miller relative to the repairs to the power house, stating that the work was progressing satisfactorily. The report was filed. The committee on rates presented a report fixing flat rates at \$60 a month for the use of water as power in the Astorian building. (This is more than is paid at the Union Stock Yards, Chicago.) The report was adopted. A communication was read from J. W. Welch, calling attention to the condition of the drain from the north end of the old water works. Mr. Welch gave the right of way through his property for the maintenance of this drain to carry off the overflow from the old water reservoir to the Fifteenth street sewer. The communication was ordered filed. A report was read from Secretary Gibson of the Astoria football club, requesting that the gymnasium be supplied with water free. The request was denied, the commission feeling that it had no such authority. A motion was passed that the clerk of the commission write to Captain Downs of Fort Stevens and submit a copy of the proposals as submitted by the commission to Captain Holbrook to furnish a supply of water to the government at the fort, and that he also state to Captain Downs that no other proposal has been made or received by the commission.

**A SUCCESSFUL PASTORATE.**

Rev. Mr. Hollingshead's Departure to Eugene Regretted by His Congregation and the Public Generally. Members of the First Methodist church and people of Astoria generally sincerely regret the departure of Rev. Mr. Hollingshead, who has been appointed to take charge of the church at Eugene. Mr. Hollingshead's earnest endeavors in this field have been unusually successful. More members have been received into the church since his ministry than during any like period in its history. Harmony has prevailed, and the general work of the church has been greatly advanced. The two years of Mr. Hollingshead's pastorate have made a marked change for the better in the church's financial condition. Not only are the current expenses paid promptly, which was formerly impossible, but all the indebtedness has been wiped out except that owing the church extension society, and even this has been materially reduced. It is a matter worthy of special comment that in the matter of contribution to general church work, per member, the Astoria church stands at the head of the churches of the Methodist denomination in Oregon—a fact of which Mr. Hollingshead is justly proud. The services have always attracted large congregations. Three times has the Eugene church endeavored to secure the services of Mr. Hollingshead. This time the Eugene committee had an audience with the bishop and the change was made before Mr. Hollingshead was consulted. The Eugene church is an important one, having a membership of over three hundred. Mr. Hollingshead and wife started for their new scene of labor last night. In an interview just before his departure he said he and his wife would ever have the most pleasant recollection of the two years spent in Astoria, and that they feel deeply grateful for so

many kindnesses shown them. While they anticipate a pleasant and agreeable change at Eugene, they cannot leave Astoria without regret.

**EMBARKEED YESTERDAY**

**The Boys of the Thirty-Fifth Are Now on Board the Transport Sikh Headed for Manila.**

A portion of the Thirty-fifth regiment was put on board the transport Sikh yesterday at Portland. The men were transferred from Vancouver by the steamer Telephone. The Sikh is expected to start down the river from Portland today. Her draught is said to be a little over 20 feet and as there is a light freshet in the river it is expected that she will be able to float over nearly all of the sand bars on the way down. Both the Sikh and City of Rio de Janeiro got up to Portland without getting stuck or meeting with any mishap. The Janeiro is the deepest of the two transports and went up the river drawing 20.6 feet. It was generally supposed by waterfront men that the draught of both transports would be more, and, of course, fears were expressed for their safety on their trip up the river. This fact was mentioned at the time by the Astorian. The Oregonian, however, seems to believe an unusual feat was performed by the two transports in arriving safely in Portland. Sunday's edition of that paper devoted more than a column in giving the time made by both the steamers between different points along the river. The truth is both transports left Astoria on the flood tide and carried the flood with them until they arrived at the mouth of the Willamette, where one of them anchored nearly 12 hours. But suppose the transports had been loaded to 22 feet of water as the Oregonian had previously reported, their progress up the river would have unquestionably been seriously retarded, if not rendered impossible. The Oregonian writer, however, probably is not aware of the fact that steamers can go up the river drawing fully a foot more water than sailing vessels, and that all kinds of vessels can reach Portland drawing more water than they can come down on. The Sikh and Rio de Janeiro may be able to come down the river without hanging up on the sandbars. But if such accidents should happen, the Oregonian will, as it always does in such cases, maintain a discreet silence. It is safe to say, however, that if either of the transports is drawing over 21 feet it will be compelled to wait for the tides to cross over the bars, although the river at present is above its normal height. Both transports have fuel on board for the voyage to Manila and will be ready to sail upon their arrival here.

**YACHT RACE DECLARED OFF**

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 ing her lead to over a mile at one ahead when the time allowance expired.

A feature of the race which pleased everybody most, was the perfectly clear field which was maintained. For the first time, this year, the government took a hand to prevent a repetition of the unfortunate occurrence which narrowed the race when the excursion boats crowded down upon the racers until their back wash impeded their progress through the water and caused Lord Dunraven to file his protest. A fleet of revenue cutters and swift torpedo boats, flying red barred white flags, guarded the course. In spite of the excursion steamers, yachts and tugs at a perfectly safe distance from the canvas clouded racers. Taken altogether there could not have been a more satisfactory factory race and yet, as result of it, friends of the defender seemed proud of the showing she made and felt confident that the cup is safe.

The bounding billows are to be found at the three-mile limit. Newspapers and bootblacks polish the understanding of their patrons. Seven quarts to the peck is the way some grocers measure their success. Self-praise is all right when inserted in some good advertising medium. The needle always has an eye for business, and seldom fails to carry its point. The book-keeper may not have been born to rule, but he does it just the same. Russell is a man of few words, but rich in deeds. In fact he has deeds to some of the best property in New York city. When a young man graduates in the practice of medicine he is willing to start in and practice on the first victim that offers.

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**HEAVY FIGHTING AROUND BACOO**

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was reinforced by a company of the Fourteenth infantry and three companies of the Fourth, which were hurriedly sent out from Imus and fought their way through along the road to the relief.

The rebels were fighting this afternoon, at 4 o'clock, from across a deep river 50 yards wide. Eight men in all of the American troops had been wounded up to that time and two had been killed. An advance will be made tomorrow on the insurgents.

General Alejandro, the head of the Filipino military commission now conferring with General Otis said in an interview with the Herald correspondent:

"Our government is willing to accept a protectorate under the United States. We fought Spain because we did not wish longer to be a colony. A colonial government under American rule would be worse than the Spanish because you know nothing about the way to govern colonies. We do not want to be experimented with for a century while you learn how."

"You are another race and not in sympathy with us. We know how to rule our own people."

"We want an honorable peace, but we will fight until death for our institutions. We know every military move that you make, and get every day the local American newspapers."

"We know what the United States papers say. We believe that a few men whom you call politicians are waging this war and that the people of the United States will change soon in our favor."

"Admiral Dewey promised me in Hong Kong that at the termination of the war with Spain the Philippines would be given their independence. Dewey was our best friend, but we understand now that he will not be permitted to keep his word with us. We do not understand why General Otis refuses to recognize our government unless he is afraid that the other foreign powers will then recognize us."

**DISPATCH FROM OTIS.**  
 WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—The following is the dispatch of General Otis received yesterday relative to the visit of the insurgent officers:  
 Manila, Oct. 2, adjutant general, Washington, D. C.—Three insurgent officers were permitted to enter our lines at Angeles with 12 of our soldiers and two citizens whom they wish to present as released prisoners. Yesterday, in a conference they endeavored to present a communication from the insurgent government, which was declined. Then they presented a paper signed by 10 of the soldiers, in which the soldiers gave paroles. This was received and held in abeyance. The insurgents then said that Aguinaldo desired to end the war and send a civil commission for a conference, and they were informed that it would not be received. They will be sent beyond the lines tomorrow.

The whole affair is believed to be a ruse to obtain some acknowledgment by the United States authorities. The soldiers returned were stragglers from our lines captured by robbers. They were obliged to sign the paroles to secure their release, though two refused to sign. The whole affair is of no significance; it is viewed as an attempt at masquerading. OTIS.

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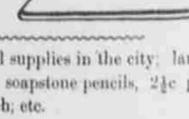
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